

JAMES ALFRED AND SARAH
JANE McDONALD SHELTON

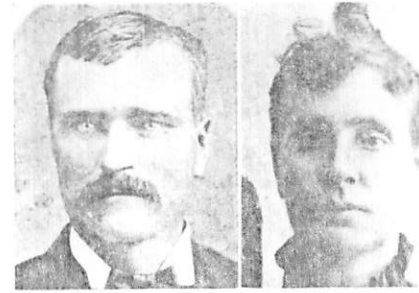
James Alfred was born December 24, 1845, in Southampton, New Brunswick, Canada, son of Charles and Rebecca Ann Daw Shelton. He married Sarah Jane McDonald on November 30, 1882, in the Endowment House in Salt Lake. She was born in 1864 at Heber City, daughter of Joseph Smith and Nancy Elizabeth Cummings McDonald. Jane died in 1908. James Alfred died July 16, 1927, at Daniel.

James Alfred came with his parents to the United States in 1854 and they were

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Eva Ann, Charles Albert, Susanna Jane, Dora May, Leland Joseph, James Earl, Clyde and Grant Golden.

at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, on their way to Utah when most of them took very ill with cholera. His mother, one sister and four brothers and an aunt all died with the disease. It was a sad ordeal for them. Those who came on to Utah were baptized on November 12, 1854.

Alfred, or "Alf," as most people called him, and his father first lived in Provo and then moved to Charleston, where Bill Bagley's and the Wall family were very kind to them. Alfred worked for the Bagleys and when Bill Bagley had a work contract on building the railroad at Green River, Alfred, then 15, was hired to care for his mule teams. Other contractors would keep their mules corraled and just feed them corn. The animals could only stand this fare for awhile and would die and have to be replaced. Alfred would let the Bagley mules go out on the desert at night to get some grass or such to eat and have a little corn. He would go out very early to bring them in for the day's work. By doing this the animals were seldom lost. After this work was finished he worked at the sawmills in Cottonwood Canyon. Later he owned quite a number of cattle.

When she was young, Sarah Jane spent a great deal of time with her Grandmother "Mac," as she was called. She was 17 when she lost her mother. At 18 she and Alfred were married. They lived in Heber quite some time and then moved to Daniel.

She was a joyful person and enjoyed working with young people. She was president of the Primary Association of Buysville Ward from 1895-1901 and of Daniel Ward from 1904-1905. She also served as president of the YLMIA. She worked on the stake board also. They were the parents of 10 children: Alfred Leslie, Nancy Ella,

general board visited in the stake and organized Primary groups in all the wards except Midway which came a year later.

Even though the ward Primaries had been organized, it was not until 1883 that a stake organization was formed to coordinate the ward work. Selected as the first stake Primary president was Ann Murdock. Her counselors included Hannah Nicol, Anna R. Duke and Mary Jones Duke, with Dora Nicol Murdock treasurer and Marion Todd Campbell and Hannah Harbour as secretaries. These sisters served together 12 years until Jane Capener Giles was sustained as president in 1895. Counselors to her included Mary Jones Duke and Jane Shelton. Secretaries were Hannah Harbour and Mary Jeffs Bond, with Lizzie Giles, treasurer and Margaret (Maggie) Hicken as aide. While this group was serving the first issue of the Primary magazine, "The Children's Friend," was published in 1902.

The next organizational change was effected June 14, 1904, with Janett Murdock McMullin as president. Her counselors were Josephine Murdock Broadbent and Mary M. (Mamie Lindsay) Fisher. Mary Jeffs Bond again was secretary with Margaret Crook (Callister) and Mary E. Carlile (McNaughton), acting as assistant secretary and treasurer. Prior to the time of this presidency the Primary had met as a group. Now there were different classes organized by age groups.

With the release of Janett McMullin on October 24, 1909, her counselor Josephine M. Broadbent was called as the next president. She chose as her counselors Mary M. Fisher and Emma G. Carlile. Later Elizabeth Wootton served as a counselor. Mary Carlile McNaughton and Mina Bond (Nilsson) were secretaries.

Chosen next as stake president was Nellie C. DeGraff who was sustained April 29, 1914. She served for 15 years and had as counselors Elizabeth Wootton, Jennie W. Broadbent, Isabell Baum, Minnie G. Hicken, Cora Danielson Miller and Vera S. Moulton. Secretaries were Mina Bond, Manila Carlile (Patterson), Annie J. Smith and Catherine H. Moulton. This presidency served during the period of World War I, and spent much time with leaders and children making supplies for hospitals and servicemen.

On September 8, 1929, Annie Jones Smith was selected as the sixth stake Primary president. During the twelve years she was president Vera S. Moulton served as first counselor for five years and Annie M. Rasband the remaining seven years. Thelma Wootton and Ruby Cummings were second counselors, each serving six years. Secretaries were Catherine H. Moulton and Orel Kuhn.

Chosen to serve as president on July 20, 1941, was Annie McMullin Rasband. She selected Ethel Lindsay Broadbent and Rachel Brown Smith as her counselors with Venice Hicken Watson as secretary. These sisters served together for six years, including the years of World War II. Because of gasoline rationing they had to discontinue most stake meet-